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A Narrative

Of the Horrid Murther Committed on the Body
of the late Right Reverend *James*, Primate of
all *Scotland*; &c.

THe late Lord Bishop of *St. Andrews*, Primate and
Metropolitan of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and of
His Majesties Privy-Council for that Kingdom,
having been assisting at the Council holden at *Edenburgh* their
chief City, in his return homewards to *St. Andrews*, was
in his Coach set upon, and Murdered by 11 or 12 of the
Seditious Covenanters; the cause they pretended was for
that one *James Mitchell* had some time before been lawfully
Executed by the command of the *Estates*, for that he
attempted to murder the said Lord Arch-Bishop in the o-
pen streets of *Edenburgh* aforesaid, spurred thereto by his
blind Zeal (as he pretended) in the defence of the *Kirk*, but
more probably by hellish mallice against so good a member
of that Kingdom: the manner of their setting upon and bar-
barously murdering his Lordship, was as follows.

His Grace being upon his return to *St. Andrews* as afo-
resaid, lodged on Friday night at a Village called *Renowny*, in
the Sheriff of *Fife*, the which lodging he leaving on Satur-
day morning about ten of the clock: As he was travelling
toward *St. Andrews*, being somewhat distant from any Town
or Village; his Coachman at a distance employed several husse-
men coming from the Town and Village of *Maris*, four
miles thence, whereof he advertised his Lordship, but
he innocently replied, being am'd with innocence, that he
feared no Danger: but it fell out contrary, for as they ap-
proaching nearer, his Lordships Daughter from one of the

Coach could discern that they had Pistols in their hands, he advertised her Father, whereupon he gave the Coachman order to drive, who put on as fast as possible he could, and had certainly out-strip'd them, had not *Balfour* one of the chief of the Gang, upon a Fker Horse, made at the Coachman, but could no way disable him, though shooing many Pistols: and thereupon he made to the *Possillion*, who could not so well defend himself, and wounded him and the two foremost horses, the which stayed the Coach: one of the Villains discharging a Blunderbus into the Coach, wounded his Grace; crying out: Come forth vile Dog, who hast betrayed Christs Church, to receive what thou deservest for thy Injuries against the Kirk; whereupon one of them raised his Sword and run him in under the shoulder, the rest halting him out of the Coach, who with bended Knees, and hands extended, he vainly implored mercy of the barbarous Villains in these Words. Gentlemen, Heaven is my witness, I never wittingly injured any of you, or if I did, I here will make you what restitution you can or shall propose; but they irreverend wretches, viler then Earth, return'd him nought but Villain, Judas, and that he there should dye, and that he was an enemy to God and to Gods people, which cruelty was followed with more cruel wounds, one mortal wound they gave him just above the Eye-brow; whereupon he seeing nothing but his Life could quell their hellish rage, he pulled off his Cap and shewed his reverend gray Hairs (a sight might melt a *Pagan* heart to some remorse) desiring if his life must needs appease their furie, that they would be pleased to grant him time to prostrate himself in Heavens light, whereat they speedier then Death it self, long'd for his blood, and onely made reply, That God would not concern himself with him, and as for time, what time these wounds they then layed on would yield his life was his. His Lordship after many shot and grievous wounds, breathed out his last, the pious Example of his Lord and Master thus,



him, that God would forgive them all, that had sinned, and farther to shew their hellish malice and revenge, they cut his skull to pieces, but one of them suppling him for breath, declared he thought he had more lives than one, and that he would put a period to them all. His Graces Daughter was wounded in the cruel time whilst she endeavoured to preserve her Father from their furious assault, and though with hair dishevelled, and with tears she begg'd for her Fathers life, it was in vain, for Adamantine Villains knew not what pure mercy meant; after this barbarous Exploit they took an Oath of the Servant not to disclose their Diabolick names, and rode towards *Staggs*, loudly crying, They had *John Kill'd*.

On *Saturday* the 29th. of *May*, 1677, being a general day of Anniversary or Thanksgiving for the happy Restoration of his Sacred Majesty; a Company of Seditious Fellows, to the number of 80 well mounted and appointed at arms, came to the Market Town of *Gloucester*, and there proclaimed their Loyalty to the *House of Commons*, in number 400, to the great affront of his Majesty; the Crown and Dignity, and placed a Seditious and Traitorous Declaration on the Market Cross, much to the prejudice of the Establish'd Laws and Government; but were prevented from doing at *Gloucester*, by his Majesties Forces, Quartered there. On *Sunday* Morning following, the Rebels gathered themselves together in a considerable Body on *London*, to the number of Fifteen Thousand Horse and Foot, Commanded by their Seditious Ring-leaders, *Wm. Wye* the foot, *Hamelton*, *Fulton*, *Balfour*, and *Horton* the Horse: *Talfour* and *Horton* were Murderers of the *Arch-Bishop*. Upon notice of this unlawful assembly, Captain *Graham* Quartering at *Claver-House* with his Troop of horse and a company of Dragoons, Marched towards them, who drew out a party upon his approach to meet him, the which he Skimmished with and beat into their main body, who advanced: where-

upon a sharp dispute began, the Captain behaving himself very gallantly, Charged through the Rebels, killing a great many of them, and not disisting till his horse was killed under him, and several of his men, to the number of Thirty one: viz. his Cornet, two Brigadiers, Eight Troopers, and 20 Dragoons, and then he bravely retreated, but in his passage the Rusticks of *Strath* being as it is supposed, confederates with the Rebels, strove to oppose him; but he as soon dispersed them, leaving about a 11 or 12 dead on the place; the next day the Rebels were so presumptuous as to march down against the City of *Glasgow*, and assault it at two several places, but were manfully repulsd by the Garrison there, under the Command of my Lord *Ross*, upon which, the horse and Dragoons sallied out, and shewed them a piece of English Valour, falling upon their Rear, and slaughtering a great number of them, to the great credit and honour of their wise Commanders.

*The Declaration of the Rebels; in the very Words as it was designed to have been put up by them at Glasgow, and was actually put up by them at *Edin.**

AS the Lord had been pleased still to keep and preserve his Interest in the Land, by the Testimony of some faithful Witnesses from the beginning, so in our days, some have not been wanting, who through the greatest of hazard had added their testimonies to these who have gone before them, by suffering Death, Banishments, Torturings, Fines, Forfeitures, Imprisonments, &c. flowing from cruel and perfidious Adversaries, to the *Rick and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Land.*

Therefore we owning the Interest of Christ according to the word of the Lord, and the National and Solemn League and Covenant, desire to add our Testimony to the Testimonies of the Worthies that has gone before: (though unworthy, yet hoping as true Members of the Church of Christ's

Christ in *Scotland*; and that against all things that have been done prejudicial to his Interest, from the beginning of the Work of Reformation in *Scotland*; especially from the year 48 to the year 1660, against the following Acts. As first, The Act of Supremacy. 2. The Declaration whereby the Covenants are Condemned. 3. The Act for Eversion of the Establish'd Government of the Church, and for Establishing of Prelacy, and for ousting of Christ's Ministers who could not conform thereto. By an Act Recissory of all Acts of Parliament and Assemblies, for the Establishment of the Government of the Church of *Scotland*, according to the Word. As likewise, that Act of Council at *Glasgow*, putting that Act Recissory in Execution; where at one time were violently cast out above 300 Ministers, without all legal procedure. Likewise, the Act appointing a Holy Anniversary-day to be kept upon the 29th. day of May, for giving thanks for the Disputing of usurping power, destroying the Interest of the Church of Christ in the Land: Which is to keep the Creature to be worshipped in the room of our great Redeemer; and to consent to the Assuming of the power that is proper to the Lord alone; for the appointing of Ordinances in his Church, as particularly the Government thereof, and the keeping of Holy-days, and all other sinful and unlawful Acts omitted and executed by them. And for confirmation of this our Testimony, we do hereby this day, being the 29th. day of May 1679, publicly burn them at the Cross of *Glasgow* most justly; as they perfidiously and blasphemously had burnt our holy Governours, through several Cities of the covenanted Kingdom. We judge none will take Exception at our not subscribing this our testimony being so solemnly gone about: for we are ready always to do it, if judged necessary, with all the faithful suffering Brethren in the Land.

The Privy-Council hearing that there were some that sole

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by Tyranny; with a resolution to join with the Rebels in
the West, and by that means to make them the more for-
midable, (which doubtless they would have been by the
addition of their Forces) sent the Master of *Ross* to *Stirling*
with Forty Horse and an hundred Dragoons to skirmish
with, and if they could, to dissipate them, and he behaved
himself bravely; for discovering three hundred horse and
Four, he advanced towards them in good Order: The
Gallantry of which Action, consternated the Rebels, who
thereupon began to run. Upon which, the Master com-
manded our twenty of his best horse to charge them in their
Reer: which effected what he designed, which was, to
make them dispute the point with him: for it obliged them
to halt and draw up. Then the Master attacked them so
briskly with his whole party, that he killed three score upon
the place, and took ten of them prisoners.

Another further Date, inform us that these Rebels had ta-

ken *Perth* and were about to march to *Stirling* he sent the
Hunt and crossed with a little force. *Thence the Fleet that killed
Stirling* was sent out by the Bishop of *St. Andrews* (This done
away they went to the Lord Bishop of *Glasgow* s house and
having forcibly entered it, tore down all his Hangings; and
then tore them all to pieces. They broke open all his Trunks
tore his Clothes, and seized his Cellary, and in a word, made
a miserable havoc of all they found.

But to make them eternally odious to all Sober men, they
added another piece of Villany, which is this: They entered
into the Bishop of *St. Andrews* House, destroying all they could
find there; and last done went to the Grave where some of
his, two of the fore said Bishop's Children were Buried, and
up the Coffins, broke them open, and on their swords thrust
them several times, and left the bodies of the poor Innocent
ground, as Monuments of these Inhumane Villany. And for
the sake of Rebellion, Murder, and Rapine, they next to the
Sacred Image; and being not thus content, they pulled down the
picture which was in the great Hall of one Merchants house
near, tore it to pieces, and uttered horrid speeches against him
not to be heard by any Christian Man.

